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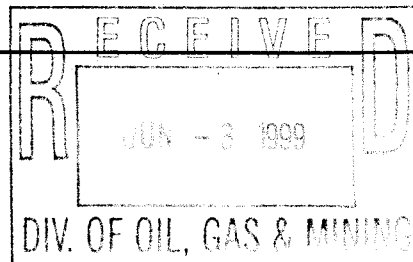


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Hello,

The Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) are evaluating an Underground Right-of-Way (ROW) application submitted to the BLM by Genwall Coal Company. The proposed ROW would allow Genwall Coal Company to extend underground development workings from State lands in their Crandall Canyon Mine permit area westward into adjacent unleased Federal coal reserves on National Forest System (NFS) lands. The purpose is to maximize coal production. Increased production is estimated at approximately 260,000 tons. Full support development workings on NFS lands would not cause subsidence, however, subsidence from full-extraction longwall panels on State lands could extend westward onto the adjacent NFS lands (0 to 480 feet over a north/south distance of approximately one mile). A Forest Service Special Use Permit could be required to authorize subsidence of NFS lands. Other than subsidence, effects to NFS resources are anticipated to be negligible with no extraordinary circumstances. Monitoring of subsidence from similar actions has shown negligible effects to NFS resources. If no extraordinary circumstances or significant effects are identified through scoping and analysis, the agencies would likely document the environmental analysis in a Decision Memo because it would qualify for categorical exclusion from documentation in an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement (FSH 1909.15, Section 31.1b, Item 7).

The longwall panels and State lands are located in Section 2, Township 16 South, Range 6 East, Salt Lake Meridian, Emery County, Utah. The ROW would encompass portions of Sections 3 and 10 along their boundary with Section 2 in this township. The affected area and associated permits could encompass approximately 50 acres of NFS lands.

The agencies are inviting public input through the scoping process. If you have any comments, concerns, or questions regarding the project, please forward them to Carter Reed at the Manti-La Sal National Forest, Supervisor's Office, 599 West Price River Drive, Price, Utah 84501 (telephone 435-637-2817) by close of business on June 15, 1999.

Sincerely,

for
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Forest Supervisor

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